(b) if so, the role assigned to Government in the management of this University; and

(c) what will be the status of the existing Marine Engineering Training Institutes after the establishment of the Indian Maritime University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to establish Indian Maritime University with status of a 'Deemed University' consisting of the three Government Maritime Training Institutes, viz. T. S. Chanakya, New Bombay Marine Engineering and Research Institute, Calcutta/ Bombay and LBS College of Advanced Maritime Studies and Research, Bombay. The University will be an autonmous body. However, it is proposed to have representatives of the Government on the various bodies of the proposed University like Board of Governors Executive Council, Academic Council and Examination Btard.

(c) The Marine Engineering Training Institutes will form part of the proposed Indian Maritime University.

Widening of the Pantoon Bridge near Yamuna

1320. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Panton Bridge near the river Yamuna in Delhi is unsafe for passengers since the bridge is not having lighting arrangements and also the police personnel are unable to regulate the traffic since the bridge is very narrow; and

(b) what action the Central Government are taking to widen the bridge since traffic is heavy in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Central Government are primarily concerned with the development and maintenance of National Highways. Panton bridge across river Yamuna in Delhi is not part of National Highway system and as such the State Government of Delhi is responsible for the bridge.

Revenue Collected from the Ports situated in Gujarat

1321. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURAFCE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of traffic at various ports at present in the country, particularly in the State of Gujarat;

(b) what is the total revenue earned annually by Government from these ports, port-wise; and

(c) what are the schemes proposed to be undertaken by Government to improve the ports in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No statistics are maintained by this Ministry regarding the total value of cargo handled at various Major Ports.

(b) A statement showing the operating financial and miscellaneous incomes earned during 1993-94 by various Major Ports is enclosed as Annexure. [*See* Appendix 171, annexure No. 25]

(c) Following major schemes have been included in the Eighth Five Year Plan for the development of Kandla Port:—

(i) Construction of Eighth Cargo Berth.

(ii) Procurement of 19 Ton B.P. Tug.

(iii) Construction of Additional Oil Jetty at Kandla Port.

(iv) Construction of Multipurpose berth at Vadinar.

(v) Procurement of additional Wharf Cranes.

(vi) Development of Container Handling Facilities.

The development of minor ports is the responsibility of the respective State Government.

National Highway Project in Andhra Pradesh

1322. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects sanctioned with regard to National Highways including widening of roads in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) whether any by-pass roads have also been cleared on the National Highway Sector in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Nil.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

देश में जलमार्गों का विकास

1323 **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या **जल भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में जलमार्गों के विस्तार और विकास की पर्याप्त संभावना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने देश में जलमार्गों के विकास के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसकी विस्तृत रूप-रेखा क्या है और इसके कार्यान्वयन की क्या योजना है ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश की कई छोटी-बड़ी नदियों को परस्पर जोड़कर अनेक नए जलमार्गों का विस्तार किया जा सकता है ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने ऐसी नदियों की पहचान की है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) से (ग) जी, हां। वर्ष 1980 में, राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति (एन टी पी सी) ने देश में राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों के रूप में घोषित करने के लिए, विचारार्थ, निम्नलिखित दस जलमार्गों का पता लगाया था :-

(i) गंगा-भगीरथी-हुगली नदी प्रणाली।
(ii) ब्रह्मपुत्र
(iii) पश्चिम तटीय नहर
(iv) सुन्दरबन
(v) गोदावरी
(vi) कृष्णा
(vii) महानदी
(viii) नर्मदा
(ix) गोवा में मंडोवी-जुआरी नदियां तथा कम्बरजुआ नहर।
(x) तापी।

उपर्युक्त 10 जलमार्गों में से सरकार द्वारा अभी तक निम्नलिखित तीन को राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों के रूप में घोषित किया गया है :—

1 गंगा-भगीरथी-हुगली नदी प्रणाली को हल्दिया से इलाहाबाद तक (1620 कि.मी.)।